



MINNESOTA

In Brief

"During most of its early history, Minnesota strongly favored Republicans for state offices and for president... In 1918, a third party, the Farmer-Labor Party, was founded in Minnesota... In 1944, the Farmer-Labor Party joined with the Minnesota Democratic Party to form the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party (DFL). Hubert H. Humphrey, a DFL leader, served in the U.S. Senate from 1949 to 1964 and from 1971 to 1978. Humphrey was vice president of the United States from 1965 to 1969... Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota served as a U.S. senator from 1964 to 1976 and as vice president of the United States from 1977 to 1981. He was the Democratic nominee for president in 1984, but he lost the election...Both the DFL and the Republicans have much strength in Minnesota today."

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: St. Paul

Area: 86,939 sq mi

Population: 5,167,101

Resource: World Almanac 2008

About 79 percent of Minnesota's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, well above the national rate of 64 percent. As one of the 24 states holding "Super Tuesday" presidential primaries or caucuses on Feb. 5, Minnesota's 2007 population of 5.2 million includes a higher percentage of non-Hispanic whites and a lower percentage of Hispanics and blacks than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

More information at: <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting.html>

Selected Characteristics	Minnesota	U.S.
Median age	36.8	36.4
Women	50.3%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	85.9%	66.4%
Black	4.5%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	3.8%	14.8%
Median household income	\$54,023	\$48,451
Foreign born	6.6%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	9.8%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	30.4%	27.0%
Median home value	\$208,200	\$185,200

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Total Population Estimates (2007), State Population Estimates by Characteristics (2006), American Community Survey (2006).

More Resources

Government Information
<p>The Official Web site for the State Minnesota http://www.state.mn.us/</p> <p>Governor of Minnesota http://www.governor.state.mn.us/</p> <p>Minnesota - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MN</p> <p>Minnesota - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</p>
Elections 2008
<p>Politics 1: Minnesota Directory http://www.politicsone.com/mn.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Minnesota 2008 General Elections General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/MN.phtml</p> <p>Secretary of State - Election Center http://www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp?page=4</p>
Statistics
<p>Minnesota - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/27000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/mnnews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/mnradi.html</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease Minnesota http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108230.html</p> <p>50states.com - Minnesota http://www.50states.com/minnesot.htm</p>

Please find more information at
<http://usa.usembassy.de/classroom/electionproject2008/index>